

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 11, 2015**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MILL WALL PROJECT BID OPENING

At the July 28, 2015 meeting the opening of the bids for the mill wall project was extended to August 11, 2015 because there was only one plan holder and they had questions. City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the plan holder did not submit a bid by today's deadline.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 28, 2015. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Board members reviewed the claims from July 10, 2015 through August 6, 2015. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

BAND CONTEST REQUESTS

Brian Ketzner, representing the JHS Band Parents, said Jasper is hosting the Scholastic Preliminary Open Invitational Band Contest on October 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. Ketzner explained that this invitational contest is a "scale back" of the district band contest that used to be held in Jasper.

Ketzner said the street closures and use of City property is the same as last year. They want permission to close Scott Rolen Drive and Second Street from east of the IGA store to Clay Street. One lane of 5th Street in front of the school will remain open. They also want to close the Schroeder Complex parking lot to the general public so they can unload the buses and park them. They want to use the soccer fields and the street and park maintenance areas for music warm up.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Jasper Band Boosters permission to utilize public space around town on October 10, 2015 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

MILL WALL PROJECT

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to redo the plans and specifications for the mill wall project then rebid the project. Mayor Seitz commented that he thinks the City still needs to do the project and move forward.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to re-advertise the mill wall project. Motion carried 3-0.

PERFORMANCE BOND

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Michael and Patricia Hochgesang, developers of the Timber Creek II subdivision are requesting a reduction in the performance bond from \$66,400 to \$15,350.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the performance bond reduction for Timber Creek II from \$66,400 to \$15,350. Motion carried 3-0.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT REQUEST CHANGE

At the July 28, 2015 meeting, the board approved a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program request from Terry Lee Pancake at 344 W 4th Street. At that meeting, City Engineer Chad Hurm said the total cost of the project is \$1,304.00 and the owner's share is \$652.00.

Hurm said when the City started tearing out the old sidewalk, he noticed not all of the original area needed to be replaced. He said the total cost of the project remains the same but Pancake's share is \$489.00 instead of \$652.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to amend the 50/50 sidewalk job for Pancake and change the owner's share from \$652 to \$489. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the administrative assistant at the street department will be resigning effective August 14, 2015. Eckerle asked permission to start the hiring process to replace the administrative assistant.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to advertise for a street department administrative assistant to replace the person in the current position. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURE

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to close Sunshine Drive north of Division Road at four locations when they replace storm sewers in that area as weather permits.

Mayor Seitz so moved. Timothy Bell seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION FOR FORMER LANDFILL

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the City received a letter from IDEM stating they approved a reduction in the letter of credit needed for the financial assurance for the post closure at the former landfill. The current letter of credit is \$180,949.97 and IDEM has reduced the amount to \$79,067.50.

FIREFIGHTER RESIGNS

Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang said due to opening his own business, Volunteer Firefighter Zach Leinenbach submitted his letter of resignation from the fire department effective August 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the resignation of Zach Leinenbach effective August 8, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Strassenfest report. Police Chief Mike Bennett presented the 2015 Strassenfest statistics report. The manhours worked by the police department during the fest were also presented.

Mayor Seitz thanked all the city departments that contributed to the success of the fest.

School starting. Bennett reminded motorists that school is starting this Thursday and they should be extra cautious when students are being picked up and dropped off from the buses.

Warning drivers. Bennett said the police will be watching motorists that drive through yellow traffic lights. He also said focusing on ones driving seems to be coming secondary to other things in life. Focusing on ones driving needs to be primary.

Call boxes. Mayor Seitz reminded everyone that the dedication of the emergency call boxes is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today at Buehler Plaza. Memorial Hospital will be donating an AED unit to the police department to be placed on their Viking.

Kathy Pfister. Mayor Seitz acknowledged that today it is 20 years that Kathy Pfister has been working for the City.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

City Engineer Chad Hurm said plans and specifications for the demolition of buildings in the flood mitigation project are ready. Region 15 is coordinating this effort that is part of the grant. Hurm asked permission to proceed with the demolition plans. He also said an environmental study has been done.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to grant the engineering department permission to work with Region 15 for demolition and reseeded of this area. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 25th day of August, 2015.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer